



***Minutes of the Adjourned Ordinary Meeting of Council
14 March 2007
commencing at 1:00 pm***

The following Councillors and Officers were present when the meeting resumed :

Councillors – M P Berwick (Mayor), D P Egan (Deputy Mayor), W J Bellerio, M J Cox, R Davis and D G Pitt.

Staff – T C Melchert (Chief Executive Officer), D G Carey (General Manager Community & Corporate), I B Barton (General Manager Finance & Administration), P Trotman (General Manager Development & Environment), J F Leu (Manager Community Cultural and Economic), A M Rodgers (Manager Corporate Support) and S K Andrews (Corporate Support).

APOLOGY

Cr Sciacca was not present during the Meeting.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

As determined at the meeting on 13 March 2007, the following items, 07/0313/30 and 07/0313/31, were left on the table until after the briefing session on 14 March 2007 to enable Council to hold discussions with Mr Des Whiteley of FNQ Bus Lines.

07/0313/30 RD1707M – BLUE PRINT FOR BUSH RURAL SERVICE ACCESS INITIATIVE – LOCAL TRANSPORT

07/0313/31 RD1207M – PUBLIC TRANSPORT SYSTEM BETWEEN DOUGLAS SHIRE AND CAIRNS

Items 07/0313/30 and 07/0313/31 were dealt with concurrently and determined by the resolution below:

Moved Cr Berwick

Seconded Cr Davis

“That Council makes an application for a grant of \$150 000 over three years from the Department of Communities, Blueprint for the Bush, Rural Service Access Initiative for an intra-shire wide bus run from 8.45 am to 2.45 pm, five days per week, with the Council contributing up to \$50 000 net each year to be provided in the 2007/08 and subsequent 2008/09 and 2009/10 budgets. Any revenue generated from the service to be applied back to meeting any on-going costs at Council’s discretion.”

Carried unanimously

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

As determined at the meeting on 13 March 2007, the following item, 07/0313/23, was left on the table for further consideration after the briefing session on 14 March 2007.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

07/0313/23 DRAFT AGREEMENT BETWEEN DOUGLAS SHIRE COUNCIL AND PORT DOUGLAS DAINTREE TOURISM LIMITED (PDDTL)

Moved Cr Cox

Seconded Cr Berwick

"That Council agrees to a new three (3)-year agreement with Port Douglas and Daintree Tourism Limited (PDDTL)."

An amendment to the motion was moved:

Moved Cr Berwick

Seconded Cr Cox

"That Council authorises the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to execute the three-year agreement subject to the PDDTL confirming that board members will be appointed comprising individuals with the required skills and who are selected by an independent, merit-based selection process.

That the execution of the agreement by the Council also requires confirmation from the PDDTL that payment of \$10 000 to the Mossman Visitor Information Centre (VIC) will occur with the VIC being accountable to the Council and the PDDTL in respect of its expenditure."

Carried unanimously

The amendment became the motion and was put:

Carried unanimously

ATTENDANCE/WITHDRAWAL

The Mayor indicated he had a previous appointment and withdrew from the meeting at 1:20 pm. Cr Egan assumed the Chair.

The Chief Executive Officer and the Manager Community, Cultural and Economic withdrew from the meeting at 1:20 pm.

The Chief Executive Officer re-attended the meeting at 1:22 pm.

RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

The adjournment of the Ordinary Meeting of 13 March 2007 occurred during discussion of item 07/0313/33.

07/0313/33 RD1907M – SIX CENTRES OF ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE

Moved Cr Davis

Seconded Cr Bellerio

“That Council considers adding to their town plan, a category to allow the development of six boutique, nature-based centres of environmental excellence through discreet, and concealed, tourism accommodation, where the criteria for approval is determined not by zoning, but by building and locational performance, to include:

- 1. ‘touch the ground lightly’ building siting requirements;*
- 2. invisibility from passing traffic and residential areas;*
- 3. size restriction to be smaller than Silky Oaks and bigger than Daintree Eco Lodge;*
- 4. water self sufficiency;*
- 5. total independence from the power grid, other than connection to return as much power to the grid as used;*
- 6. onsite best practise sewerage treatment and reuse of waste for land care purposes;*
- 7. embodiment of environmental and/or cultural ongoing management plans for the building’s users, towards learning holidays in a combination of environmental, energy minimisation, indigenous and/or wellbeing/health issues;*
- 8. strict avoidance of siting in areas requiring substantive clearing or disturbance of important natural assets;*
- 9. low inherent energy use building materials;*
- 10. high standards of excellence in endemic natural landscaping and land care restoration;*
- 11. contribution to local land care style restoration work;*
- 12. self provision of all road upgrade works to service the project;*
- 13. eco accreditation from best of breed accreditation systems;*
- 14. minimisation of excavation;*
- 15. promotion of recycled building materials;*
- 16. onsite waste management of all organic waste;*
- 17. self sufficiency of energy efficient transport linkages to Port Douglas or Mossman; and*
- 18. carbon neutral construction and ongoing operational use, including all transport linkages within the Douglas Shire.”*

For: Crs Davis, Cox, Pitt.

Against: Crs Egan, Bellerio.

Carried

PROCEDURAL MOTION

Moved Cr Pitt

Seconded Cr Cox

07/0313/34A *"That all of Cr Sciacca's motions be held over until Cr Sciacca is present."*

For: Cr Pitt, Cox, Davis

Against: Cr Egan, Bellerio

Carried

07/0313/34 JS0107M – REPLACEMENT OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

07/0313/35 JS0207M – REPAIR BUCHANAN CREEK ROAD AND ALEXANDRA BAY SCHOOL BICYCLE LANE AND FOOTPATH

07/0313/36 JS0307M – PRESSURE CLEAN BICYCLE LANE AND FOOTPATH, BUCHANAN CREEK ROAD, COW BAY

07/0313/37 JS0407M – ROADS TO BE SEALED – DIVISION THREE

07/0313/38 JS0607M – DAINTREE FERRY PRECINCT MANAGEMENT PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE

07/0313/39 JS0507M – WONGA BEACH AQUACULTURE RESORT PTY LTD

Items 07/0313/34 to 07/0313/39 are left on the table for consideration at the next meeting when Cr Sciacca is present.

REPORTS – CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Nil

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

As determined at the meeting on 13 March 2007, the following item, 07/0313/15, was left on the table for further consideration on 14 March 2007.

ENGINEERING

07/0313/15 MOSSMAN SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE

Moved Cr Davis

Seconded Cr Pitt

"That the Mossman Sewage Treatment Plant Planning Report lie on the table until a briefing session on the matter has been provided to Council."

Carried unanimously

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

As determined at the meeting on 13 March 2007 the following motion, item 07/0313/20(i), was left on the table pending the attendance of Cr Pitt.

07/0313/20 TREESCAPING OF FRONT STREET, MOSSMAN

Moved Cr Davis

Seconded Cr Berwick

07/0313/20(i) *"That Council consults the Yalanji and other interested parties about the removal of the northern fig tree."*

For: Crs Bellerio, Cox, Pitt, Davis

Against: Cr Egan

Carried

TERMINATION

The meeting was closed at 1:37 pm.

Presented to and confirmed by Council on the *third* day of *April* 2007.

M P Berwick
Chair